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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of Docket No: Q80197  
Tadahiro KEGASAWA, et al. Allowed: June 1, 2006  
Appln. No.: 10/790,143 Group Art Unit: 1733  
Confirmation No.: 3000 Examiner: Barbara J. MUSSER  
Filed: March 2, 2004  
For: RESIN FILM FORMING METHOD, AND LAMINATE PRODUCTION METHOD AND APPARATUS

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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**REMARKS**

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated June 1, 2006. The In particular, Applicant does not admit to the characterization of the teachings of the prior art set forth in the Statement. In addition, Applicant notes that independent reasons, other than those cited by the Examiner, exist for the allowability of the claims.

**Patent Term Adjustment Is More Than Zero Days**

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause

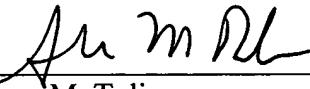
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substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated June 1, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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